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1. RUNDOWN OF YOUR PLANNING FOR POLISH-AMERICAN DAY CONFERENCE LOOKS FINE FROM WARSAW PERSPECTIVE. DO I ASSUME CORRECTLY THAT PANELS OR WORKING GROUPS WILL MEET CONSECUTIVELY BEFORE ENTIRE GROUP OR WILL THEY MEET BY THEMSELVES AND PRESENT REPORTS TO REST OF PARTICIPANTS? WHO WILL REPRESENT USG ON THESE PANELS?

2. I HAVE SOME QUALMS ABOUT SPASOWSKI BEING INFORMED SO EARLY AND ABOUT THE IDEA OF BRIEFING HIM BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE. WE CAN NOW EXPECT GOP HERE AND IN THE US "TO POUR IT ON" IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE THE CONFERENCE OR AT LEAST SOME OF ITS PARTICIPANTS. I SUSPECT DOBROSIELSKI MIGHT WELL MENTION IT IN HIS INTERVIEW NEXT WEEK WITH CHICAGO TELEVISION TEAM HERE NOW.

3. SECONDLY I AM CONCERNED THAT SOME POLISH-AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES COULD TAKE A VERY DIM VIEW OF WHAT THEY MIGHT PERCEIVE AS USG BEING A CHANNEL TO GOP OF THEIR VIEWS AS PRESENTED DURING PRIVILEGED DIALOGUE
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WITH THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. I SUGGEST THAT WE DO NOT PROMISE TOO MUCH AND THAT WE INFORM IN ADVANCE POLISH-AMERICAN LEADERS OF WHAT WE PLAN TO DO.

4. I HAVE ONE OTHER THOUGHT ON THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFERENCE. I BELIEVE IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT SOMEONE APPEAR TO BE IN CHARGE. I REALIZE THAT GEORGE

VEST HAS OTHER PRESSING DUTIES WHICH MAY PREVENT HIM FROM DEVOTING A FULL DAY TO THIS EVENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, A HIT AND RUN APPEARANCE BY A NUMBER OF HIGH LEVEL DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IS LIKELY TO TRIGGER THE SAME COMPLAINTS WE HAVE HEARD BEFORE FROM PARTICIPANTS IN DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFINGS THAT SENIOR OFFICERS DO NOT TAKE THESE GET - TOGETHERS SERIOUSLY. I THEREFORE HOPE YOU CAN PREVAIL UPTN GEORGE TO CHAIR AT LEAST ALL PLENARY SESSIONS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

5. IF WE HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS AFTER WE HAVE READ MATERIAL YOU ARE SENDING VIA POUCH WE WILL TRANSMIT THEM IN THIS CHANNEL.
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